



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03327.2319-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tomomi ENDO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2839
Application No.: 10/771,287) Examiner: Le, Thanh Tam T
Filed: February 5, 2004)
For: CONNECTOR CAPABLE OF) Confirmation No.: 1144
PREVENTING INCOMPLETE)
FITTING)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 10, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for two months extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$450.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	4	-	5	0	x \$ 50	0
Indep.	1	-	1	0	x \$200	0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0
					Subtotal	\$ 0
					Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	- 0
					TOTAL	\$ 0

A fee of \$[Fee] to cover [Title of other paper(s)] is enclosed.

A check for \$450.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: January 10, 2005

By: /David W. Hill/
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Reg. No. Reg. No. 28,220



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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings are included in the attached replacement
drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include new Figures 6-8.